



Bristol Parks, Recreation, Youth and Community Services Scholarship Fund

Bristol Youth and Community Services' Scholarship Fund has been established to aid children living in high risk situations and in need of social, emotional and recreational programming in order to thrive. Funds are available to children who struggle to cope with neurological, mental health or cognitive challenges, physical disabilities, severe family distress, trauma and /or complicated grief and loss issues.

Scholarships shall go towards a program of the child's choice that will enhance his/her positive social and emotional development and physical well-being. Types of programs may range from music lessons, to swim classes, basketball clinics, self-defense training, performing arts programs, Boys and Girls club membership or to a summer camp. Scholarship funds may also cover costs of supplies needed to participate in a program, such as, a scout uniform, art supplies, or special equipment for a sporting activity.

Eligibility Factors:

1. Financial hardship based on the families current income, and
2. A commitment from the family to work toward resolving difficulties and nurturing the healthy development of the child.
3. The program or services for which funds are being requested will assist the child in developing his or her skills as part of an overall service plan.

Children are referred to the scholarship program by professional staff working with the child, such as a social worker, parent aide, school psychologist, visiting nurse or therapist or parent.

Awards may range from \$10.00 to \$150.00 per child per year. Awards will be paid directly to the vendor. The referring agent must receive permission from the parent for Bristol Parks, Recreation, Youth and Community Services to contact the vendor to make arrangements and obtain an invoice with documentation of attendance.

For more information or to submit a request, Contact:

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Youth and Community Services Supervisor
Bristol Parks, Recreation, Youth and Community Services
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SCHOLARSHIP REQUEST FORM

Referral Agent, please complete the following information as completely as possible and return to Bristol Parks, Recreation, Youth & Community Services to the attention of Stephen Bynum

Referral Agent Information	
Person Making Request:	Name: Relationship to Child/Family:
Agency:	
Complete Address:	
Contact Information:	Telephone: _____ Email: _____
Personal Information	
Child's Name:	
Age & DOB:	Age: _____ Date Of Birth: _____
School Attending:	
Guardian's Name:	
Complete Address:	
Contact Information:	Telephone: _____ Other: _____
Family Size: # in Household	Annual Income: _____ Monthly Income: _____ Monthly Rent/Mortgage: _____
Source(s) of Income:	
Program / Service / Material / Supply Needed	
Name of the Program Or Item:	
<u>Organization</u> to be purchased from:	Name: _____ Tax Id #: _____ If known
Complete Address:	
Contact Information:	Name: _____ Phone/email/web address: _____
Cost of Program/Item:	
Amount to be contributed by (name source):	\$ _____ Parent/Guardian/Relative: _____
Other Contributions.	\$ _____ Other _____
	\$ _____ Other _____
Amount Requested:	\$ _____

(TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REFERRAL AGENT)

Please briefly describe:

What are the family's financial challenges and/or any recent changes in income that have contributed to financial hardship? Also, does the family have a plan for financial sustainability?

Briefly describe how is the family demonstrating a commitment towards resolving difficulties and nurturing the healthy development of the child? What resources or support services are connected with the family?

Please *briefly* describe the service or item, and explain how will the child/family will benefit from the purchase? (i.e., skill to be developed, social/emotional growth, safety and protection, diversion from risky behavior, employability, parenting skills, etc.)

Awards may range from \$10.00 to \$150.00 per child per year and depend on the availability of funds. Awards will be paid directly to the vendor. The referral agent must receive permission from the parent for Bristol Youth Services to contact the vendor to negotiate and obtain an invoice and documentation of attendance. Families may be asked to submit income verification.

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